

PUBLIC NOTICE

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OFFICE OF WATERSHEDS
1650 ARCH STREET
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III (EPA) proposes to enter into a Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (FFCA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to establish a schedule for compliance with numeric discharge limitations provided in a new National Pollutant Elimination Discharge (NPDES) permit for the Washington Aqueduct Drinking Water Treatment Plant issued by EPA March 14, 2003 (NPDES Permit No. DC0000019) and to address conditions for any interim discharges.

On December 18, 2003, EPA offered a draft NPDES Permit for public comment, in the explanatory Fact Sheet included, EPA stated its intent to enter in an FFCA with the Corps following issuance of the final Permit.

The Washington Aqueduct is located at 5900 MacArthur Boulevard, NW, Washington, DC 20016-2514 and provides drinking water for the residents of the District of Columbia, Arlington County, Virginia, and the City of Falls Church, Virginia through water sales agreements between the Corps and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, Arlington County Government and the Falls Church City Government. The final NPDES Permit will govern treated discharges at vastly lower volumes from the sedimentation basins at Dalecarlia and Georgetown to the Potomac River and Rock Creek.

PROCEDURES FOR FORMULATION OF FINAL DETERMINATION:

On the basis of preliminary review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the EPA and the Corps propose to enter into an FFCA to establish a compliance schedule and interim conditions as indicated above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to comment on the tentative determinations contained in the draft FFCA are invited to do so in writing until April 15, 2003. Comments must be received within this public comment period to be considered in the formulation of a final FFCA. All comments should be written and include the name, address and telephone number of the commentor and a concise statement of the exact basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which such comments are based. All written comments should be submitted to:

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Copies of the draft FFCA and NPDES Permit No. DC0000019 are available on the EPA Region III website at **www.epa.gov/region3**.

A copy of both are on file and may be inspected and arrangements made for copying at the Region III office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Watersheds, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except during Federal holidays. They may also be obtained by writing to EPA Region III at the above addresses or by calling Mr. Arent at (215) 814-5440. In addition, a copies are on file and may be inspected at the Martin Luther King Jr., Library, 901 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, during normal business hours.